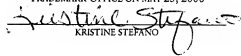


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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action of April 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.